IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE DIVISION

CIVIL CASE NO. 1:09cv459

YEVETTE KILENE HUGHES,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) ORDER
MICHAEL J. ASTRUE, Commissioner of Social Security,)
Defendant.)

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the Plaintiff's Motion

Requesting Waiver/Exemption from Registering for ECF. [Doc. 17].

Movant, attorney Perrie Naides, has moved for and been granted *pro hac vice* admission to this Court in the instant action and 3 others. [Docs. 14 & 16]. She seeks waiver of one of the requirements that she was committed to in applying for admission [Doc. 14-2]: to have or immediately establish an ECF account. In support of this request, she indicates limitations agreed upon among counsel of record as to her role in this matter.

The Court notes that as a licensed attorney practicing in the area of Social Security appeals, movant is likely to find herself in the federal district courts, all of which use the ECF system, with some frequency. The Court further notes that registration is a minimal burden on attorneys, requiring two steps, each of which only has to be performed once to produce an account that is valid for that lawyer's and her assistants' use in all cases and all federal districts: filling out a single-page form, and obtaining ECF training. If movant is not familiar with the form, it is available online at https://ecf.ncwd.uscourts.gov/NCWD/ECFSignUp-Aty.htm. As is acknowledged in the application made for movant, it is possible that she has already completed those two steps in this district or another, and as such already has an ECF account. In that event, movant may alert the Clerk's office to this fact and use that account for this case.

The Court also notes the fundamental importance to the efficient administration of the federal district courts' case management system that every attorney of record have an ECF account.

Movant has not pled an interest affecting herself or her client, or an undue burden imposed by the ECF registration process, that outweighs the need of the federal district court for her, as counsel of record, to be properly registered in the ECF system.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Plaintiff's motion [Doc. 17] is DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: August 20, 2010

Martin Reidinger

United States District Judge